

Dear Senator Dunbar,

We are writing today urging the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to take favorable action on SB 14. As noted in the sponsor statement, Alaska is experiencing a housing crisis which knows no boundaries. The crisis can be in Anchorage or our hometown, Soldotna.

Located in Soldotna, in late 2023 we created a nonprofit organization with the goal to build affordable housing for Alaska's workforce. We have acquired acreage within Soldotna City Limits however our biggest challenge is finding funding to build the necessary infrastructure – roads, water and sewer – needed before construction on homes can commence.

With our target audience being individuals in the 80-120% Area Median Income (AMI) there are few state or federal programs available to help with our project. As we read the proposed legislation, giving AIDEA this added authority could greatly assist projects like ours.

We urge the passage of SB14. Should you have questions about our organization please do not hesitate to contact me.

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